

Grade 12
Kentucky Writing Handbook
Part II: Scoring

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Documentation
needed

Presently there are 1.5 million arrests for drunk drivers a year! If drinking ads were stopped I believe half these factors would be nonexistent.
comma error

Besides injury, something usually overlooked, but significant, is cost. \$1.9

million was spent on alcohol advertising in the media of 2002. If prices proceed to raise
what shape will our society be in? A recent study showed a ban on alcohol marketing
could reduce monthly levels of youth drinking by at least 24 percent.

Documentation
needed

imprecise
and
incorrect
word
choice
(raise, for
'rise')

I strongly feel it is essential for alcohol advertising to come to a halt. There
would be fewer deaths, error in usage ('less' for 'fewer') less traffic violations and overall a smaller quantity of damaging
actions. In order to save our country and world, we must put negative advertising to an
end before it is too late!

simplistic / imprecise
use of language

Documentation of Sources

A student's use of factual information should be documented except for that which is considered "Common Knowledge" (information which would be the same in many sources). However, this is an instructional issue that should have been dealt with during portfolio development.

In the classroom, a teacher may certainly choose to not accept a piece of writing without proper documentation. If such a piece is found within a portfolio, it is not always as clear how to handle missing documentation.

If a piece is included in a portfolio and is not found to be plagiarized (see handbook definition for "plagiarism"), the missing documentation should be treated as a correctness issue. In this case, scorers would consider "Promoting Transgression" as a piece which has "some control of correctness that does not interfere with communication."

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2 Conventions

Language: Grammar and Usage

Correctness: Spelling, Punctuation, Capitalization, Abbreviation and Documentation

Promoting Transgression

- **Demonstrates some control of grammar and usage with some errors that do not interfere with communication**

Writing demonstrates some control over grammar and usage; however, there is evidence of some errors (e.g., “raise” for “rise,” “less” for “fewer,” subject/verb disagreement) that do not interfere with communication.

- **Demonstrates simplistic and/or imprecise word choice**

Examples of simplistic and imprecise word choice are evident throughout (e.g., “become a high influence,” “in this day and age,” “young youth,” “portrays a major role,” “drink-related activities,” “proceed to raise”).

- **Demonstrates some control of correctness with some errors that do not interfere with communication**

Facts and statistics need documentation. Lack of documentation of facts/statistics in this piece indicates “errors in correctness that do not interfere with communication.” Other correctness issues are evident in the piece such as a comma error and a period after a closed quotation mark.